

## LOCKWOOD TURNS TO NEW PHASES OF TRUST INQUIRY

Committee Has Already Obtained 28 Indictments in Building Extortions.

### MATERIAL MEN NEXT

Seven Important Men Are Sought With Subpoenas for Examination.

### FINANCE PROBE COMING

Banks and Insurance Companies Dealing in Mortgage Loans to Be Investigated.

With the complete record of its recent hearings in the hands of two grand juries and a corps of specially appointed prosecutors, for action, counsel for the Lockwood Legislative Committee prepared yesterday to direct its efforts at combinations heretofore unmentioned in the public investigations, but regarded by them as quite as serious a menace to public welfare as any that have been exposed.

It was learned yesterday that William A. De Ford, who was Assistant District Attorney under Charles S. Whitman and who is serving as special assistant in the inquiry, had been asked to inquire into all of the combines about which much of the work of the committee has centered to date for the purpose of preparing prosecutions for conspiracy to restrain trade and arbitrarily fix prices.

It also was learned that upon the resumption of its public hearings Tuesday the committee will examine witnesses in regard to an important phase of the housing situation that as yet has not been touched upon, and that within ten days Samuel Untermyer, chief counsel for the committee, is expected to take the inquiry to the financial world, and to call upon persons prominent there to make public the result of investigations which already have been made into the business of several banks and insurance companies supposed to do a large business in mortgage loans.

All of these phases of the committee's inquiry are to be undertaken with a determination on the part of the investigators to tolerate no interference or willful obstruction of their work, and it has been made plain that it is their purpose to ask indictments of every one who tries to keep records from coming into their possession or who fails to answer properly and truthfully questions put to them.

Yesterday process servers were searching for seven men, and detectives were looking for three more. The latter three were named by the November additional Grand Jury Thursday in superseding indictments filed against Robert P. Brindell and for whom bench warrants were issued. Their names and the nature of the charges against them have not been made public.

The seven men whom subpoena servers have been unable to find and who are wanted as material witnesses before the investigating body are said by counsel for the committee to be John A. McCarthy of John A. McCarthy & Bro., and friend and former partner of Charles P. Murphy of Tammany Hall; John M. Kilcullen of Bell & Kilcullen; John P. Kane of John P. Kane, Inc.; Theodore C. Wood of Theodore C. Wood & Co.; Cornelius A. McGuire of the Burroughs Material Company; Frank E. Wise of Frank E. Wise & Son and Arthur D. Hammond, expert accountant.

With the exception of Hammond, all these men are prominently connected with the Builders Supply Bureau of New York, the Masons Supply Bureau of Brooklyn, or the Association of Dealers in Masons Building Materials. McGuire is vice-president of the latter association and chairman of the Builders Supply Bureau. Wise is president of the association. Hammond is wanted to testify regarding the business of the Builders Supply Bureau, for which he made periodic reports.

George Backer, whose trial for perjury before the Lockwood committee occupied the week before Judge Otto A. Rosalsky, in General Sessions, will resume the witness stand when the trial resumes to-morrow and will continue his story of experience with Robert P. Brindell, czar of the building trades, whose name echoes through every part of the investigation and who is under numerous indictments.

Emory R. Buckner, special deputy Attorney-General, who is prosecuting Backer, will have an opportunity to cross-examine the builder regarding his story that one of two persons to whom he delivered \$25,000 in bribe money was Matthew Brindell, Robert P. Brindell's brother. The trial probably will go to the jury within the next few days.

Members of the committee pointed yesterday to the fact that to date their hearings have resulted in twenty-eight indictments and the amassing of evidence for the piling up of many more. Also, they remarked, six court proceedings instituted for the purpose of halting their work of investigation have failed, and combines that were trying to tie their hands with legal red tape appear to regard this as futile.

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